GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2241
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2001
INDIAN AIRLINES FACES SPY PLANE HAZARD
KAMAL NATH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a newsitem under captioned `IA faces spy plane hazard` appearing in Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated October 6, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Mumbai ATC authorities were instructed by the Government not to accept a formal report of the near `air miss` and the pilot lodged only oral complaint with Indian Airlines Flight Safety Department; and

(d) if so, the preventive measures taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) Indian Airlines flight IC-974 operating from Muscat toCochin on 19th September, 2001 had filed a written report indicating that during the flight Traffic Collision Avoidance System got activated and gave an advisory climb which was followed by the pilot. This indicated that there might have been an aircraft nearby.The airmiss incident was reported by the Commander of the flight.
(c) No, Sir.
(d) Does not arise.